

Table 105. Property crimes, 2001:

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**Percent of reasons for not reporting victimizations to the police,
by race of head of household and type of crime**

Race and reason for not reporting	All property crimes	Percent of reasons for not reporting			
		Total	Household Burglary	Motor vehicle theft	Theft
White					
Total	11,839,750	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %
Reported to another official	1,226,310	10.4	5.3	4.4 *	11.2
Private or personal matter	641,190	5.4	6.1	5.9 *	5.3
Object recovered; offender unsuccessful	3,060,690	25.9	17.7	23.4	27.1
Not important enough	419,240	3.5	3.8	2.3 *	3.5
Insurance would not cover	288,250	2.4	3.6	3.5 *	2.2
Not aware crime occurred until later	658,010	5.6	8.5	8.9 *	5.1
Unable to recover property; no ID no.	871,100	7.4	6.4	0.0 *	7.6
Lack of proof	1,379,910	11.7	12.2	12.6 *	11.6
Police would not want to be bothered	858,860	7.3	9.7	7.0 *	6.9
Police inefficient, ineffective, or biased	460,690	3.9	7.4	8.7 *	3.3
Fear of reprisal	111,010	0.9	1.8 *	5.7 *	0.7
Too inconvenient or time consuming	358,540	3.0	3.2	3.5 *	3.0
Other reasons	1,505,950	12.7	14.4	14.0 *	12.4
Black					
Total	1,802,690	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %
Reported to another official	203,290	11.3	4.0 *	0.0 *	13.3
Private or personal matter	105,170	5.8	8.8	0.0 *	5.3
Object recovered; offender unsuccessful	405,890	22.5	15.7	20.3 *	24.2
Not important enough	38,290	2.1	3.1 *	0.0 *	2.0 *
Insurance would not cover	38,520	2.1	2.4 *	0.0 *	2.1
Not aware crime occurred until later	110,510	6.1	11.5	5.0 *	4.9
Unable to recover property; no ID no.	132,970	7.4	4.2 *	0.0 *	8.3
Lack of proof	243,000	13.5	19.3	12.6 *	12.2
Police would not want to be bothered	148,270	8.2	10.8	0.0 *	7.9
Police inefficient, ineffective, or biased	50,660	2.8	4.6 *	10.6 *	2.2
Fear of reprisal	9,550 *	0.5 *	0.0 *	10.6 *	0.4 *
Too inconvenient or time consuming	47,430	2.6	1.8 *	6.4 *	2.7
Other reasons	269,160	14.9	13.8	34.5 *	14.6

Note: Detail may not add to total shown because of rounding.

Excludes data on persons of "Other" races.

Some respondents may have cited more than one reason for not reporting victimizations to the police.

*Estimate is based on about 10 or fewer sample cases.